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Advocating the Abolition of the

Licensed Liquor Traffic; and if so,

What Should be the Attitude of

Christian Voters Towards It?"

Dr. J. D. Smith in Tennessee Method-

ist.]

In Tennessee Methodist of

June 15, our good brother, Rev.

J. T. Millican, of Turkeytown,

Ala., takes us severely to task

about some things we have

neither said nor done. He started

out by saying that he was going

to deal with the attitude of Christ-

ian voters towards a political

party advocating the abolition of

the licensed liquor traffic. But if he

ever touched that question the

type setter overlooked that page

of his manuscript. He says that

we "insist that the deliverance

(of the General Conference) binds

every Methodist to vote with a

political party advocating Prohi-

bition." We would like for our

good brother to point out the

chapter and verse in our writings

from which he draws that em-

phatic but unwarranted statement.

As much as he seems to question

it, we hold that as a Southern

Methodist we have a right to

quote the deliverances of the Gen-

eral Conference of that Church,

or any other subordinate Con-

ference; and that when our Gen-

eral Conference declared ours to

be "emphatically a Prohibition

Church," and "opposed to all

forms of license of this (liquor)

iniquity, whether the same be

high or low," our Church, in its

highest official capacity, not as a

political but as a Christian body,

declared in favor of a great prin-

ciple, based on the one hand upon

the plain teachings of God's word,

and on the other hand involving

a business, the licensed liquor

traffic, that families, dictates to

and largely controls the politics

of our country. And farther,

that the way to make good the

declarations of our Church on

this question, is for the individ-

ual members of it to vote for no

man to make or execute laws who